Coin World
THE WEEKLY NEWSPAPER OF THE ENTIRE NUMISMATIC FIELD
SIDNEY NEWS BUILDING SIDNEY, OHIO

D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

March 12, 1960

Dear Eric:

Our clipping bureau came up with the enclosed news clipping. Is this note of any value?

Enclosed is a sample copy of our new publication. It has long been in the planning stage but we are ready to begin weekly publication April 21st.

I've enclosed a subscription blank, can we count on your subscription?

Also noted recent Scrapbook article with numismatic education society. What's this?

Will be calling on you for storys and background pieces.

Best ~~xx~~ regards.

Cordially,

Dick

May 12, 1960

Mr.D. Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Wayne:

Your newspaper dream has come true. Do you happen to have a copy of the 1850 Philadelphia edition of the Eckfeldt and DuBois entitled "New Varieties of Coins and Bullion". It is the small pocket-size book. Or do you have the 1842 edition with the supplement containing the gold sample?

I will pay a top price for either of these items.

Cordially yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

May 20, 1960

Dear Eric:

Have both copies Eckfeldt & DuBois -- in fact all three! that you wrote about. Of all copis with the supplement, have only seen (and own) one that has gold sample.

Won't sell, do you wish to borrow or trade for some books I don't have?

Can you answer our reader's inquiry about the enclosed Fugio?

Paper has really caught on -- circulation over 8,700 in seven issues. We are all working to keep up. Have hired five girls in circulation department until it got so large we had to move it to basement of News Building here. The vice president of the printing company is heading up our circulation department with full time male dept. head under him.

Wife Shirley & one other girl handel all news. Have hired one man for accounting. Could use about three more people now if we could get qualified people nearby.

Best regards, from a tired but happy editor.

Very cordially,

Dick

May 27, 1960

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

If I can trade you some books you don't have for the small Eckfeldt & DuBois or the one with the gold leaf in it, please let me know what you would like to have. I am sure we could both be benefited.

I am enclosing a copy of the letter to the man who inquired from you about the Fugio cent.

I am delighted that your newspaper has caught on. That is the hardest part. You can now keep it rolling without the need of luck. You ought to be very proud of your accomplishment.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

July 13, 1960

Mr.D.Wayne Johnson, Editor
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

In your July 14, 1960 issue you stated that the cent and half cent were not authorized until 1792 and that the Washington cent of 1783 was the first to have "cent" in its name. The "cent" and "half cent" were adopted by resolution of Congress in 1786 as the copper coins to be coined at the U.S. Mint and the coins of Massachusetts in 1787 and 1788 first used the word "cent" and "half cent" in compliance with that resolution. The 1783 Washington "cent" was first minted in the 19th century.

Very truly yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

By_____
Eric P. Newman, President

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D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

July 29, 1960

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis, 5, Mo.

Dear Eric:

Congratulations on winning the first place in the Health Literary Award for your excellent article, "The Continental Dollar of 1776 Meets Its Maker." You certainly deserve it!

Thank you for your recent letters catching us on a few errors in Coin World. As you may expect, this material is written from many sources from my library and I try to catch as many errors as I can before they appear in print.

We would consider it a privilege to include something of your fine writing on Massachusetts coins in our forthcoming all-A.N.A.-Boston convention issue.

Would you have available a feature--or would you give us permission to use a story you have written on another occasion? We promise full credit and prompt return of any material you will allow us to borrow.

We would like to borrow, too,

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D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

a black and white glossy photograph of you. This, too, we will returnat once. Our deadline is August 6.

Can you give us a story on your educational numismatic foundation, describing it, and your plans for it? We are anxious to share this with our readers.

Thank you for your cooperation, and with kindest personal regards,

I remain

Sincerely,

Dick

D. Wayne Johnson, Editor
COIN WORLD

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August 6, 1960

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

Wow, what a paper you have going!

Thanks for your kind remarks on my research writing.

You are perfectly free to publish anything already published of mine on Massachusetts or anything else. You have the Secret of the Good Samaritan (AMS) and can take something from there.

I am publicity shy and prefer no picture to be inserted.

I am sending you something to publish relating to Massachusetts.

Kind regards,

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WAS THE FIRST AMERICAN NUMISMATIST FROM MASSACHUSETTS

William Bentley, a clergyman, of Salem, Massachusetts, was possibly the earliest numismatist of this country. His diary which runs from 1787 to 1820 and was published in 1905 by the Essex Institute has many remarks about the coins which he gathered. He describes in detail the coppers of Connecticut, the Nova Constellatio coinage, the Nova Eborac coppers, and the Vermont coppers. He was delighted to obtain a 7" x 9" piece of Swedish plate money of Charles XII weighing 4 pounds. He was surprised to find a specimen of the 1781 Vermont paper money. He was impressed by a description he found of the 1776 pewter dollar of the Continental Congress but did not obtain one.

Most of the coins he gathered he turned over to Judge Winthrop of Cambridge. Imagine, however, how many choice coins he put back into circulation which would be major rarities today. The early issues of the U. S. Mint were just too modern for him to collect at that time.

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D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

December 14, 1960

Dear Eric:

My wife and I will be in St. Louis next Thursday, Dec. 22nd to cover the hearing of John Miczek, before going on ~~the~~ to Kansas City for the holiday.

If you do not have any other engagement we would like to take you to lunch that Thursday. I don't know what time the hearing will be over but I will contact you at your office to determine time and place.

Needless to say, we will attempt to persuade you to give us a picture of yourself and get the story on your education society.

Best regards, see you soon.

Cordially yours,

Dick

December 19, 1960

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

I will be glad to see you whenever you come through St. Louis but I believe John Miczek pleaded guilty and was sentenced last Friday.

Come at your convenience in any event.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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ATTN MRS JAY

DEAR MRS J AND WASHINGTON WE STIL

SINCE WITZY'S HEARING HAS BEEN SOMEWHAT DELAYED WE HAVE

CANCELLED OUR RESERVATIONS AT ST LOUIS. WE STILL PLANNED

HAVE AN EARLY LUNCHEON OR SUPPER. WE WOULD LIKE A VISIT

WITH YOU AT AIRPORT IF YOU HAVE TIME. ARRIVE 253

TO SUNDAY DECEMBER 2421 DELTA 424. SEE

YOU AND CHARLIE.

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December 21, 1960

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
2100 W. 48th Street Terrace
Kansas City 3, Kansas

Dear Dick:

I received your telegram. I would very much like to have the opportunity of visiting with you but airplane schedules over the Christmas holidays will be in a complete mess and therefore it is pointless for me to come to the airport as God know when you will be passing through.

I suggest that you telephone me from the airport if you have the opportunity. My telephone number is PARKVIEW 7-0850. I hope that I will be at home.

Best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

March 24, 1961

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

In renewing my subscription to the COIN WORLD, I want to tell you how proud I am that I had the privilege of recommending you for the position of editor for the magazine. I knew this was your dream and now I have seen your dream come true not only as a recognition of your enthusiasm and ability but as a benefit to American numismatics.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

April 11, 1961

Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Gentlemen:

The address to which my subscription has always been mailed is:

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

On the last copy you changed my address to my downtown office.

Would you be kind enough to make a new stencil in accordance with the above.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

August 4, 1961

Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

Coin World is planning a special Medals edition for September 29, and we would like very much to have you represented as an authority.

Would you consider preparing a special by-line feature for us--the subject of your own choosing?

Or, if you find you are too busy, would you grant Coin World permission to reproduce some ofyour past writings? We are aiming at a September 9 copy deadline.

We would like to borrow a ~~black and white glossy print of you~~--and your biography--and we welcome black and white glossy illustrations for your feature. We promise prompt return.

Coin World thanks you in behalf of its thousands of readers for sharing your knowledge so generously.

Sincerely,

Marco Russell

Marco Russell (Mrs. Marion)
COIN WORLD

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August 8, 1961

Mr. D.Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

Since I am vain, would you be nice enough to send me six copies of page 26 of your edition of August 11, 1961.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

November 7, 1961

Mrs. Margo Russell
COIN WORLD
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Mrs.Russell:

As a suggestion for an editorial, I wish to mention the restriking of the Continental Dollar copies which are being advertised for sale in your paper and others. Some people think it should not be done. Other people feel that since the original was not an officially authorized coin that there is nothing wrong in copying it. Others feel that if it has already been copied, as it has been, there is no reason not to continue that copying.

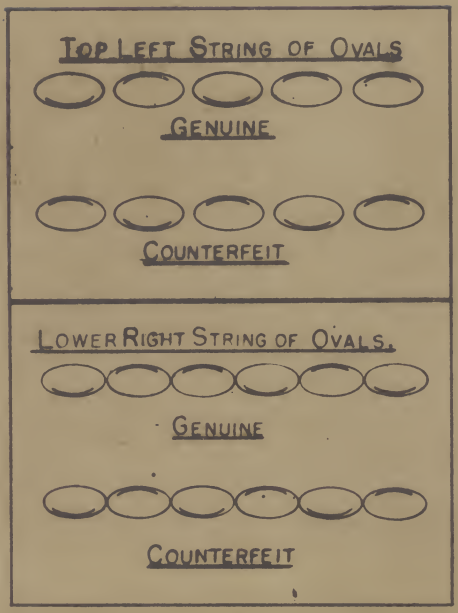
If you will look in the advertisement of Harry Forman, in Numismatic News for November 6,1961 you will see that he shows a picture of a genuine Continental Currency dollar rather than the copy which is shown in most of the ads of others.

I think it is a very serious subject as to whether copies of coins normally collected should be made and sold even though they may not be technical violations of the counterfeiting law. This would open up a great part of the early American field and the token field to such copying.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

ENN/att


TOP LEFT STRING OF OVALS
GENUINE
COUNTERFEIT
LOWER RIGHT STRING OF OVALS.
GENUINE
COUNTERFEIT

November 21, 1961

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson or
Mrs. Margo Russell
COIN WORLD
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick or Mrs. Russell:

Enclosed is the first portion of my article for the paper money edition. You have already received the last portion.

I am enclosing two pictures of a genuine and a counterfeit with titles and instructions as to size. I am also enclosing a drawing to illustrate the secret marks.

I am sorry to have incurred expenses in obtaining this material but Edward Barnsley, 111 South State Street, Newtown, Pennsylvania, advanced $6.50 for special photography for the counterfeit and I am enclosing a bill for $4.50 for photography for the genuine piece and prints of both. I assume you will pay both of these items.

I would like to have about six copies of the paper money edition and twelve extra copies of the page on which my article may appear.

It is always a pleasure to coopærate with you.

Sincerely yours,

Eric P. Newman, President
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

December 26, 1961

Mrs. Margo Russell
COIN WORLD
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Mrs. Russell:

Would you be nice enough to check up to see whether Edward Barnsley, 111 South State St., Newtown, Pennsylvania, was paid $6.50 for his advance in connection with photographic expense on the copper plate belonging to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. I sent a memorandum to this effect and hope it has been taken care of as it apparently was not paid by December 14.

Sorry to bother you with this trivial incident.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

EPN/atb

January 12, 1962

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
COIN WORLD
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

On page 36 of the COIN WORLD of January 12, 1962 is an advertisement of the sale of the second restrike of the Confederate cent.

I wonder how many of your readers would conclude from this promotion that the original dies were not actually used to make the second group of restrikes and that new dies were prepared for the purpose.

The picture of the reverse of the original die shows a large portion broken off and by the hubbing process described in the advertisement the design was transferred to new dies with the broken section restored on the new dies. The new dies would, therefore, seem to be copies of the original dies in the same manner as a photograph is a copy.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman, President
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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EPN/atb

February 28, 1962

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney,Ohio

Dear Dick:

In the issue of March 2, 1962 Robert Bashlow explains how the new crop of Confederate cents were made from newly prepared dies. He takes a crack or two at me and my problem is whether to answer. He did disclose the facts which I felt were necessary to be brought out.

In the same "Letters to the Editor" section there is a letter from Neil Sowards indicating that the advertisement is misleading, etc.

Would you please advise me how many other letters of complaint, if any, you might have received about the advertisement such as the one you published with respect to it. I do not want to hurt the advertising in your paper in any way.

If you want me to write you a short answer to be published I could probably do so but THIS letter is not for publication.

I look forward to hearing from you promptly.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

March 3, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Store, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric,

Miss Eva B. Adams, the Director of the Mint, has graciously agreed to participate in a numismatic symposium under the auspices of Coin World.

We are inviting you--and 24 other top numismatists across the country--to join in this rare occasion.

Will you please send us two questions you would like for Miss Adams to answer? We are asking for two from each panelist, for there may be duplications.

We will forward them to her all at one time. Because she is comparatively new in her job, she wants ample time to study them, and give comprehensive answers.

"I will make every effort to answer every question," she said, "although there may be some that have no answers. . ."

Miss Adams will return the answers to Coin World to be released just prior to National Coin Week.

With your permission, we will publish your photo and a biographical sketch along with your questions in this April edition.

May we have your questions by Monday, March 12?

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

Margo

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)
Executive Editor

dmr

March 6, 1962

Letters to the Editor
COIN WORLD
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Gentlemen:

Our letter of February 9, 1962 concerning the modern production of Confederate Cents has had its desired effect. Mr. Bashlow has explained, publicly, the method by which the dies for these pieces were produced and has changed the text of his advertisement.

Very truly yours,

Eric P. Newman, President
ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

March 7, 1962

Mrs. Marion Russell
COIN WORLD
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Margo:

You have asked me to submit two questions to Miss Eva B. Adams, Director of the United States Mint. Accordingly, I am doing so.

1. There is no comprehensive and accurate history of the United States Mint and its branches. An enormous quantity of information and other historical material covering the Philadelphia and the branch mints is available in the National Archives, in microfilmed newspapers, and in numismatic literature. The histories by Snowden in 1860, Evans in 1885, and Stewart in 1924 cover only part of the Mint's activities and accomplishments. Is it possible for the Mint to employ qualified persons to do the appropriate research and write an interesting history of itself?

The cooperation of many numismatists interested in research would be available. A book of this nature would be a major contribution to knowledge about this important Governmental function. The history of your department would be of public interest as well as to numismatics in general.

2. Has the Mint, or any investigative department of the United States Government data arising from an investigation with respect to the 1913 Liberty Head nickels and, if so, is it being withheld from public access?

I hope the foregoing questions are the type which Miss Adams desired.

Sincerely yours,

EPN/atb

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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March 21, 1962

Mr.James G. Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Mr.Johnson:

Until Russell Rulau sent me a copy of his recent letter to you I had not read your column in the March 2, 1962 Coin World. You asked me in that article if you were correct in your statements and in the interpretation of my letter.

My letter of February 9, 1962 to Coin World apparently caused Mr. Bashlow to explain the die making facts in full, brought about a change in the advertising copy, stimulated your comments, and prompted the complaint by Mr. Neil Sowards and perhaps others against the previous advertising copy. My letter, published in the March 23, 1962 issue, pointed out the first two of these results.

The important factor, in my opinion, is that the newly produced Confederate Cents are copies. Whether those copies are made by electrotyping, sand casting, centrifugal casting, from newly cut dies, or dies made by hubbing, only affects the quality of the coins, not the fact that they are copies. A photograph is merely a two dimensional copy. Because the hubbing process is and has been used at the Mints and elsewhere to produce miltiple dies for normal production is irrelevant. You might comment in your column on whether these copies are properly called restrikes under the circumstances.

It is not necessary for me to express an opinion as to the effect on numismatics of the modern production of copies of coins or the relative status of some copies as compared to others. This is a matter which each person or organization must decide for itself unless already controlled by statute.

Very truly yours,

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ERIC P. NEWMAN

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April 19, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Store, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear Eric,

How can we thank you enough for your fine contribution to our Mint Edition?

Each time we assemble such a milestone in numismatic journalism, we realize more and more how eager prople are to learn--and how generous others are to teach.

Most of all, we are aware of our great responsibility to the former, and our debt of gratitude to the latter.

As soon as it is available we are sending you the first in Coin World's Mint Medal series as a small token of our appreciation.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)
Executive Editor

dmr

Nice to talk with you the other day

May 22, 1962

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
Coin World
Sidney News Building
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

The first edition after May 25, 1857 of the Philadelphia Bulletin, has an amazing article on the distribution of the copper nickel cent, how they they lined up to get the new cents, how the mint opened a special accommodation building in the yard of the mint, how the new cents were handed out in canvas bags, and much other material about the turning in of old Spanish coins for the new cents.

I think it would make an interesting follow up to your "History of the Mint" and will be glad to write a little preface and turn it in to you if you wish. Does this appeal to you?

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P.NEWMAN

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D. WAYNE JOHNSON, EDITOR

May 22, 1962

Mr. Eric P. Newman
Edison Brothers Store, Inc.
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis 2, Missouri

Dear ~~Mr. Newman:~~ Eric:

We thought you might like an extra copy of your listing in the American Numismatic Society's quarterly, "Numismatic Literature," No. 59, April, 1962.

Single current issues are 50 cents each and may be obtained by writing to Richard P. Breaden, Editor of Numismatic Literature, The American Numismatic Society, Broadway between 155th and 156th Streets, New York 32, New York.

Sincerely yours,

COIN WORLD

Margo Russell (Mrs. Marion)
Executive Editor

dmr

Enc.

May 25, 1962

Dear Margo,

Thanks for the extra copy of the listing of one of my articles in your newspaper. I always try to give you something new and different rather than a rehash of something theretofore written.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

From the desk of
ERIC P. NEWMAN

June 4, 1962

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
Sidney, Ohio

Dear Dick:

It has occurred to me that you might wish to break your journey from Sidney, Ohio, to Kansas City. You are welcome to stop at our house on Sunday night, June 10. We even have a baby crib. In that way we will have a little more chance of talking; the baby will take the journey with ease, you can leave early Monday morning for Kansas City, and not have to leave Sidney, Ohio, at the crack of dawn.

Where are your coin books? I presume you are not going to dispose of any but I would like to borrow a couple in due course.

Let me hear from you in accordance with the foregoing.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

2100 West 48th Terrace
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

June 14, 1962

Dear Evelyn & Eric:

Thank you for your kind hospitality last Sunday. Both Shirley and I greatly enjoyed spending the day with you and we are greatly appreciative.

No change in our plans--I expect to go to New York this weekend unless the strike goes through for T.W.A.

Again, thank you for your kind hospitality.

Cordially,

Dick

June 26, 1962

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
2100 W. 48th Terrace
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Dear Dick:

Since we were both too busy to get together in New York, I wanted you to know that I am hopeful that things began to work out for you there. You seem to have the sympathy of everyone I spoke to but sympathy does not solve problems.

I thought that the editorial by the new temporary Editor was not particularly wholesome.

My wife and I enjoyed very much the family visit and I hope that we will soon have another one under more relaxed circumstances.

With respect to books, I am enclosing the list of books which I need and also the list of books which I have in duplicate and which you might need. I think we can both be beneficial to one another and of course I will be glad to purchase any which I do not have if that is your desire.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPNAtb

D. Wayne Johnson
P. O. Box 333
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

TELEPHONE
913 HE. 2-4648

July 26, 1962

Dear Eric:

We are underway with our plans to start a numismatic correspondence course.

The booklet we describe in the attached letter will be used to promote the course.

I would be indebted to you if you would furnish a story to be used in the booklet. We both feel the same way, I'm sure, about educating collectors and making good numismatists out of them. Possibly this course can achieve that in a small way.

Thank you for all your good help and effort.

I have almost all the books unpacked and will get off to you a few on your want list.

Cordially,

Dick

D. Wayne Johnson
P. O. Box 333
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

TELEPHONE
913 HE. 2-4648

Dear Eric:

Since leaving the editorship of Coin World I have started a commercial venture which will promote numismatic education. Plans are well underway and a full announcement will be made shortly.

The first step calls for the issuing of a booklet which I am calling "The Pleasures and Profits of Coin Collecting."

This booklet will contain selected stories of personal collecting or dealing experiences of prominent numismatists. The type of story I have in mind is similar to this one:

> Several years ago a certain eastern coin dealer was still in the Army following World War II. He would frequently travel to New York City on weekends, buy unrecognized rarities from one dealer, sell them to other dealers, and make more money in a few hours than he would receive from the Army in a month!

I'm sure you can match that story with one of yours from your own past experiences.

The underlying theme of the booklet -- and the thread that will tie all the stories together -- will be knowledge -- the more knowledge a numismatist has, the more he will enjoy the hobby as a collector or the more he will profit by it as a dealer.

I would like for you to be one of the contributors to this collection of stories. Can you take a few minutes and jot down -- in your own words -- an experience you had in which your knowledge of numismatics gave you pleasure or profit?

Send this story, along with a photograph of yourself (I'd like to illustrate the pamphlet) to me at my new address listed above. I'm sure you will find this booklet to be fascinating reading, and I'll send you a couple of complimentary copies as soon as they're off the press.

Best personal regards, and many thanks.

Cordially yours,

Dick

D. Wayne Johnson

P. S. Get your story to me by early August and I'll have the proof for you to read at the Detroit A.N.A.-C.N.A. convention.

D.W.J.

August 2, 1962

Mr. D.Wayne Johnson
P.O.Box 333
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Dear Dick:

It is possible that Spink might talk about the 1804 Dollar as he has concealed his subject in the educational panel. If you learn anything let me know.

Good luck in your new project.

I am enclosing an article as you requested and look forward to hearing from you about the books.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

There is no thrill like discovering an important unknown American coin. That happened to me on one occasion only because through my research I thought that such a coin might exist and looked for it. The coin I speak of is the American-made 1776 George III halfpence which I wrote up in 1958 in an article entitled "A Recently Discovered Coin Solves a Vermont Numismatic Enigma" in the American Numismatic Society's Centennial Publication. To find a new die variety in any series is fortunate, but to find a new type is truly satisfying. I do not believe this early American coin has been located by anyone else as yet.

It was not the possible value of the piece which pleases me - it was the excitement of discovery. It was in a group of coins an experienced New York dealer had acquired. The group had been shown to many others who had bought items from it. Several months later my opportunity to see them came. I had studied early American dies, punches, and coin striking techniques in great detail so that when I looked at the 1776 coin it was like walking up to a person and saying, "Excuse me, but I recognize you from your resemblance to other members of your family". In evaluating this fortunate coincidence I have only to thank my friends who have encouraged my numismatic studies by helping me locate background material, by aiding in the development of my library, by answering my inquiries, by lending me their coins for study, and by encouraging me. Among those friends is D.Wayne Johnson who is about to initiate for many of us a numismatic educational opportunity.

ERIC P.NEWMAN

8/2/62

August 27, 1962

Mr.D.Wayne Johnson
2100 W. 48th Street Terrace
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Dear Dick:

Enclosed is the left-over money from the telephone call.

"The Fantastic" has been completely rewritten and there are major changes on over sixty pages. The set of bound page proofs which you have ought to be referred to as the "boo-boo" edition.

Please send me the valuations on the books which you sent and let me know what ones you want from my list. I really am very disappointed at your unwillingness to let me have some of your duplicates which I very much need.

As I told you, I have the Crosby which came from you and which is now a duplicate of mine.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

October 17, 1962

Mrs. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Evelyn:

This summer when Dick and I saw you I mentioned that I liked a particular type of shoe put out by your company. You said you might be able to see if there were any in stock if I could give you the numbers.

I have found the numbers, they are:
9½B 6580
AA HEEL 34 136 06
These shoes have the name style pride and were purchased at a Baker's shoe store.

I really rather doubt that you will have any of them as they are nearly three (3) years old. However, I would appreciate it if you could check and let me know.

Many people--most of whom I do not even know--have stopped me and complimented me on these shoes because of their metal heels. Some say that they like them because they are always breaking or scarring the heels of their shoes by catching them in gratings, etc.

For myself, I only wish I could fine more of them as they have worn beautifully.

Thanks again for the wonderful time you and Eric and you son provided us on our way back from Ohio. We certainly appreciated it. Incidentially, I also received the earrings, I had not missed them until Dick brought them home.

Yours truly,

Shirley Johnson

Mrs. Dick Johnson
P.O. Box 333
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

October 29, 1962

Mr. D. Wayne Johnson
P.O.Box 333
Shawnee Mission, Kansas

Dear Dick:

I just got home from my summer vacation and had no opportunity to take care of our open matter, but I have not forgotten.

I would like you to put a value on the American Bank Note Company History. The other values you put on are quite beyond what were published in your list in Coin World so I want to leave the other up to you.

Do you have a duplicate copy of Del Mar's History of American Coinage? as I find I do not have this either.

The shoes your wife wants are impossible to obtain and the ones which are currently available and similar to them do not come in half sizes. Styles change so quickly I can't help you on this project.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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